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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0265

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TAGS: OVIP (HEINEMANN, GUSTAV)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF FORMER FRG PRESIDENT HEINEMANN

1. FORMER FRG PRESIDENT GUSTAV HEINEMANN PASSED AWAY
EVENING JULY 7.

2. FRG TENTATIVELY PLANNING "STAATSAKT" IN BUNDEHAUS
AT 11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 13. "STAATSAKT" WOULD
CONSIST OF SOLEMN STATE OCCASION MARKED BY EULOGIES BY
LEADING FRG OFFICIALS. IT IS NOT A RELIGIOUS SERVICE.
FRG PLANS INVITE CHIEFS OF MISSION THOUGH IT UNDERSTOOD
THAT SOME COUNTRIES MAY CHOOSE TO SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES.
THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHURCH SERVICE IN
HEINEMANN'S HOMETOWN OF ESSEN AT 5:00 P.M. ON JULY 13,
BUT THIS MAY BE LIMITED TO FAMILY MEMBERS. QUESTION OF
STATE FUNERAL IS STILL TO BE DECIDED. NO FURTHER
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. WE NOTE THAT IN 1972 AMBASSADOR LODGE ATTENDED
FUNERAL CEREMONY OF LATE PRESIDENT LUEBKE ON BEHALF OF
PRESIDENT NIXON. WE ARE AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, HESITANT
TO MAKE FIRM RECOMMENDATION THAT PRESIDENT FORD SEND A
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASHINGTON UNTIL QUESTION
OF STATE FUNERAL AND SCOPE OF CEREMONIES IS RESOLVED.
IN VIEW OF LUEBKE PRECEDENT WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING SUITABLE LEVEL
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REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASHINGTON COME TO BONN. BRITISH

EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED TO LONDON THAT BRITISH BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR HERE. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND WILL, IN ANY EVENT, PLAN TO ATTEND "STAATSAKT".

4. WE RECOMMEND FURTHER THAT SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT SEND CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO MRS. HEINEMANN.
HILLENBRAND

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